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It's Team Canada for Harrington

Knights defenceman makes national junior team • Tournament is in Calgary and Edmonton from Dec. 26 to Jan. 5



Hockey can be a numbers game, and this time the numbers added up for Scott Harrington.

In the early hours yesterday in Calgary, the London Knights defenceman and his roommate, fellow blue-liner Mike Pysyk of the Edmonton Oil Kings, were following the Canadian junior team cuts on Twitter and doing some math.

"After all the guys were released, we counted up all the D that were remaining, and we figured out that we had made the team," Harrington said on the phone from Calgary yesterday.

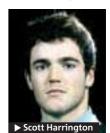
"And then about a half-hour later, the coaches knocked on our door and gave us the good news."

It had been a long night. Harrington and Pysyk were up till about 3:30 a.m., stressing, sweating and remembering.

"Just going back and going over

your mistakes and the things you did well, going over other players," Harrington said about the night before the world junior roster was announced. "It was pretty stressful. I'm glad it's over.

Then they got up at six and



Twitter hoping not to hear the phone ring.

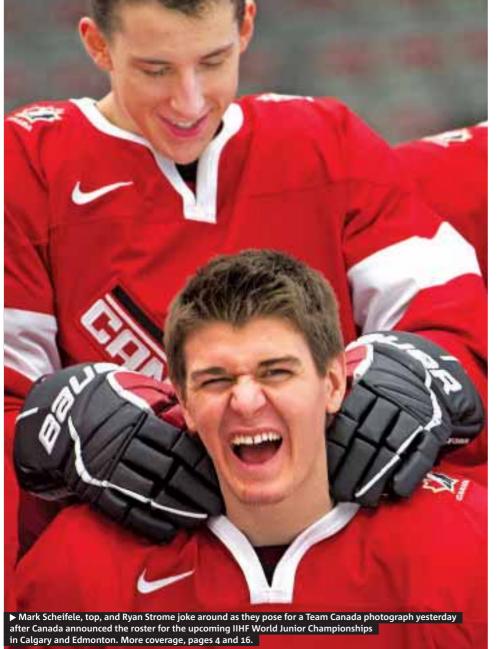
you're getting cut, you get a phone call

in your room in the morning, and then you have to bring all your stuff down to the lobby," said Harrington, a second-round pick of the Pittsburgh Penguins in June. "We were dreading that phone call, and fortunately it never came."

Harrington, a native of Kingston, Ont., says he benefited from the fact there were no returning blue-liners from last year's squad.

"I never, maybe until the last couple of years, thought that it was possible that I could even get a shot to try out for this team," he said. "I've always watched it and watched those great players play for Canada.

"Now I'm in their shoes and I'm sure there's lots of little kids watching our team this year. It's kind of cool that it's been a full



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Council suggests areas for **budget cuts**

City councillors offered up a broad range of suggestions yesterday for where city staff should look for cuts or new revenue in the proposed 2012 budget.

Mayor Joe Fontana, speaking at a services review meeting, tossed out several proposals, including keeping the status quo on fire department personnel, which would cut more than \$1 million from the proposed fire-services budget. He also suggested looking for ways to reduce costs in bio-waste disposal and in the city's IT department.

Coun. Nancy Branscombe, chairwoman of the services review committee, had asked that administrators be given suggestions for cuts as they whittle away at a proposed 2.3 per cent property-tax increase.

Other ideas tossed out yesterday included a review of city involvement in operations like the Covent Garden Market.

"Maybe the city got (such organizations) started because there was a need, but now let's get out of that business and start collecting taxes on those properties," Coun. Denise Brown said. metro





Unstable trees await the axe

Each of the trees trunks boasts a carving on top, honouring individuals or community groups. Listar said the cut trees will be warehoused a while and community groups will be given a chance to pick them up and given the option of displaying the trunks on private property.

East-end cameras in budget mix

Cost of cameras would be on top of annual \$130K expense for those in downtown core Debate continues on their effectiveness at deterring crime



A bid to install surveillance cameras east of Adelaide Street has jumped another hurdle at city hall.

The \$140,000 price tag on the proposal will be considered in January as part of a long list of "adds" for the 2012 tax-supported budget. Members of city council's services review committee pushed the issue ahead yesterday with some remaining hesitant about how effective the cameras will

be in deterring crime.

Coun. Joni Baechler, one of the most outspoken opponents at vesterday's meeting, said she doesn't support "increasing taxes" for something that may not show results.

Given a staff report showing cameras are useful investigative tools, she suggested police find money for the cameras — \$100,000 for installation and \$40,000 a year for maintenance in their budget.

"I think this is highly premature," she said, noting a senior's apartment

complex being built near Dundas and Adelaide streets could help put "feet on the street" and reduce crime. "My worry is that individuals in that area believe that if we put in cameras ... everyone will come because there is no crime.'

Mayor Joe Fontana suggested there might be an opportunity for business owners in the Old East Village to help cover some of the cost.

Coun. Stephen Orser has for several months been fighting to have the cam-

Placement

If surveillance cameras are installed east of Adelaide Street city staff has recommended they be placed along Dundas at the following intersections:

Rectory, English, Elizabeth and Adelaide.

drug use and prostitution.

eras placed in his ward as a response to increased complaints about crime like

Cops lay 396 charges in Project Marvel

Police released more details today about crosscountry raids that targeted alleged gang members.

They also displayed some of the 27 firearms and \$110,000 in cash seized in an operation called Project Marvel.

In all, police say 60 suspects face a total of 396

The number of arrests in London as part of Project Marvel.

charges. Ten of the accused are between the ages of 14 and 17.

The investigation started in May as a probe into the activities of rival gangs

in northwest Toronto.

Police soon found links to serious criminal activity in other Ontario cities and eventually to parts of Western Čanada.

Tuesday's raids took place in several Ontario communities as well as Calgary and Surrey, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MMA fighter acquitted

SEX ASSAULT. A mixed-martial-arts fighter from the United States has been acquitted of sexual-assault charges in London, Ont. A jury found the Las Vegas-based fighter not

guilty Tuesday night of sexual assault, choking and forcible confinement.

Kasheem Peterson, 29, was accused by a woman who claimed he attacked her in her SUV in April after they left a London bar around 6:30 a.m.

Peterson claimed the woman consented to having sex in the vehicle but he suffered an episode of erectile dysfunction.

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GOODBYE 2011, HELLO FABULOUS



LONDON STYLE SARAH FRANCIS METRO LONDON

ach December, I take a **→** moment to reflect on ⊿the year that's just passed. I try to celebrate small victories with a glass (or two) of champagne and think about how I'm going to turn around my not-sostellar habits. Lately, I've been poring over applications for The Makeover, White Oaks Mall's new contest where I'll take three deserving people on a shopping spree, so I've been more reflective than ever. I've been floored by how much the way we dress affects how we

affects now v
feel about
ourselves.
So far,
the
applicants
run
the
gamut
from

single moms to student-debt-laden young professionals to women who simply want to wake up a tired wardrobe. The common theme is that with a revamped wardrobe comes the possibility of a new beginning — a fresh start.

So this year, after you've delivered your cards, grabbed your gifts and wrapped everything up (literally and figuratively), take a minute to think about what really matters: Your clothes. You think I kid (and I kind of do), but those pieces of fabric hanging in your closet can either drag you down like a bad mullet

sweater: david cooper/torstar news service file or lift you up like a rocking pair of pumps.

Take advantage of your good New Year's intentions by giving your closet an overhaul. Be honest with yourself and toss things that don't fit, don't flatter or don't make you feel incredible. Can't say goodbye to those grinch-like pants that are two sizes too small? They're killing your style and your joy. How 'bout that sweater that looks like it's been in the ring with Georges St-Pierre? I think it's probably time to put that baby to bed.



Easier said than done, right? Just imagine giving away your gently used things to people who really need them and converting the ratty remainder to rags, leaving you with less clutter and only the essentials that really work for your body. When it comes to clothing, less really is more, and you'll be amazed by how much easier your daily what-to-wear decisions will become.

Sarah Francis is the style maven behind realliferunway.com. She also reports on the latest trends for White Oaks Mall and iVillage.ca.



Taking the wrap for the holidays

Info-Tech's nearly 200 employees have decorated their **Queens Avenue office** to the nines in advance of a Saturday holiday party for Kids Country Club, a facility that provides respite care for children. In some cases, employees volunteered their weekends to make the building look as festive as possible. METRO

'Losing those three guys is huge': Assistant coach

• Due to world junior commitments, Knights forced to play without top defencemen Scott Harrington, Jarred Tinordi and Olli Maatta



Take Mick and Keith out of the Rolling Stones and you're left with a different sound. The remaining members need to pick up the slack and keep strumming — they still have a job to do.

That's the situation faced by the Knights' defensive corps as three of their top D-men have left to try to crack their respective country's world junior roster.

"Losing (those guys) on the back end is a huge hole," said assistant coach Misha Donskov. "They're



elite players in the league and they're leaders in the room, so a lot of guys are going to get an opportunity."

Donskov identified Troy Donnay, Tyler Ferry, Kevin Raine and Colin Martin as players who will be counted on to provide big minutes in the triumvirate's absence.

"Between Olli, Harry (Harrington) and Tinordi, they average anywhere from 20 to 27 minutes a night," Donskov said. "We've challenged the other guys to step up."

The main concern for the defence is to monitor their workload and be smart about their nutrition and rest so their bodies can handle the increased rigours.

"(Playing) 25 to 30 minutes a game will be nice," Colin Martin said. "You have to keep hydrated and it starts the night before. You have to get your sleep; you gotta get a good meal in you.

"When you're out there, you just have to work your (tail) off."

Upcoming games

- The Knights have two games remaining before the CHL goes on Christmas break
- They head to Peter-borough to take on the Petes tomorrow at 7:05 p.m.
 London then hosts the
- Condon then hosts the Guelph Storm on Friday at 7 p.m. The earlier start time is to accommodate Sportsnet, as the game will be broadcast on Friday Night Hockey.

It's hair-raising

Staff, residents and patients at the London Health Sciences Centre will be growing beards for the month of January to support head- and neck-cancer research. Sign up at manuary.ca. • METRO

Krown winner

Fireball recorded by Western's meteor network Astronomers from the Uni Though the bright fire- Meteor Network captured ward the north-northeas

Astronomers from the University of Western Ontario have released rare video of a meteor that travelled through the evening sky east of Toronto earlier this week.

Though the bright fireball appeared near the peak of the Geminid meteor shower, astronomers say it's unrelated.

Cameras belonging to Western's Southern Ontario Meteor Network captured the slow-moving fireball shortly after 6 p.m. Monday.

The meteor — estimated to be no bigger than a basketball — was first spotted over Lake Erie moved to-

ward the north-northeast ending just south of Selwyn, Ont. The Canadian press



News in brief



Birds drown in parking lot

crash Landing. Thousands of birds died on impact after apparently mistaking a Walmart parking lot and areas of southern Utah for bodies of water and plummeting to the ground in what one wildlife expert called the worst downing she's ever seen.

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Google works to end slavery

RECORD GRANT. Tech giant Google announced

yesterday it is donating \$11.5 million to several coalitions fighting to end the modern-day slavery of some 27 million people around the world.

It is believed to be the largest-ever corporate grant devoted to the advocacy, intervention and rescue of people being held, forced to work or provide sex against their will. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freak accident kills woman

DEATH BY DRAGGING. A woman was killed in a freak elevator mishap yesterday around 10 a.m. in a 26-storey office tower near Grand Central Terminal. The woman was stepping onto the elevator on the first floor when either her foot or leg became caught in the closing doors. The car then rose abruptly, dragging her body into the shaft and killing her, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police shave, arrest punks to teach lesson

♠ Muslim hardliners cut off mohawks of rock fans to enforce moral values ♠ Police crack down on 'disgusting' lifestyle

Police in Indonesia's most conservative province raided a punk-rock concert and detained dozens of fans, buzzing off their spiky mohawks and stripping away body piercings because of the perceived threat to Islamic values.

Dog-collar necklaces and chains were taken from the youths before they were thrown in pools of water for "spiritual" cleansing, local police Chief Iskandar Hasan said yesterday.

After replacing their "disgusting" clothes, he handed each a toothbrush and barked "use it."

The crackdown marked the latest effort by authorities to promote strict moral



values in Aceh, the only province in this secular but predominantly Muslim nation of 240 million to have imposed Islamic laws.
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Police story

- Baton-wielding police scattered fans, many of whom had travelled from other parts of the sprawling archipelagic nation to attend the show.
- Police said 59 young men and five women were loaded into vans and brought to a police detention centre.
- ▶ They would spend 10 days getting rehabilitation, training in military-style discipline and religious classes, including Qur'an recitation, police officials said. Afterward, they'll be sent home.
- While the men's heads were shaved, the women, some in tears, were given short. blunt bobs.

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Shopping, e-games: Your taxes at work

The Aboriginal Affairs Department called in an auditor after one of its managers went on a wild, axpayer-funded shopping spree, new documents show. A bureaucrat in the Northwest Territories charged tens of thousands of dollars to government credit cards.

When the misbehaving manager got caught two and a half years into her splurge, she was nearly \$40,000 in the hole.

"Her actions were not impulsive and/or compulsive. They have been found to be premeditated," says a briefing note to top officials.

"She took steps to cover up what she had taken as personal expenses. She crossed out her personal expenses from bills presented for signature to the director.

"She also stated to a security staff member that

What she bought

Purchases included:

- \$4,000 on an online game called Second Life.
- A trip to Las Vegas in February 2010, where the woman and her husband spent five nights at the Circus Circus hotel and casino at a cost of \$2.000.
- Purchases at Walmart, Northern Fancy Meats and Staples.
- Almost \$100 for pizza.
- Cellphone and cable bills.
- On the long list of expenses, only a \$27 book on how to use PowerPoint was for work.

she 'knew she'd get caught, she just didn't think it would take them this long." The woman worked as manager in the Indian and Inuit Services Directorate in Yellowknife.

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Trudeau apologizes after swearing at Kent



Unparliamentary language causes uproar in Commons

His father claimed to have only mouthed "fuddle duddle" during a heated Commons exchange, but a colourful outburst by Justin Trudeau during question period is leaving no room for confusion.

The Liberal MP was heard quite clearly to have called Environment Minister Peter Kent a "piece of st," causing a momentary uproar in the House yesterday.

Kent had just finished telling his NDP critic Megan Leslie that she was ill-informed about a recent climate-change conference because she hadn't attended. But the government had prevented opposition MPs from being part of the official Canadian delegation.

Following question period, Trudeau rose immediately to apologize.

"I lost my temper and used language that was most decidedly unparliamentary and for that I unreservedly apologize and withdraw my remarks," he said.

Kent said he wasn't troubled by the language, but asked that Trudeau apologize to the House of Commons. New Democrat Ryan Creary also got into trouble over language after he called a cabinet minister a "bully." THE CANADIAN PRESS





Charles, Camilla to visit Canada

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall will visit Canada next May as part of a yearlong celebration leading up to the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, the federal government announced yesterday.

Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, will tour New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan during the trip.

Earlier in London, Buckingham Palace announced that the couple will also visit Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. Prince Harry will tour Belize, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

In all, top Royal Family members will be visiting more than a dozen countries where the Queen is head of state. Some will also tour Commonwealth countries.

The palace said one of the biggest trips will be Prince William and Catherine's visit to Malaysia, Singapore, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

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Mobile banking ready to rise

Canada has 20.1 million mobile customers and nearly 3 million check balances on phones

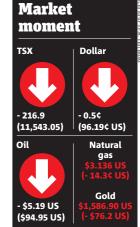
Most Canadians still aren't pulling out their phones to check their bank account balances and pay bills but experts and users alike expect a whole lot more will be doing so in 2012.

"We definitely see there's been humongous growth on the banking front on the phone platform," says Bryan Segal, vice-president of the digital measurement firm comScore. Canadians are among the world's leaders when embracing online and mobile banking, according to comScore. Last year, Canada ranked as the top country for online banking usage, with almost 65 per cent of Internet users on the web each month to check their accounts.

More recently, comScore estimated there were about 13.3 million Canadians reg-

ularly doing online banking, compared to 63.6 million in the U.S. Segal says about 13 per cent of Canada's mobile users access their banking phones monthly, which is roughly on par with the U.S. market and ahead of the EU. According to a Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association survey, the biggest concern is security.







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IGNORING KYOTO, ONE LESS COUNTRY AT A TIME

HF SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

I, for one, was inspired by the
Kyoto Protocol, which ushered
in a bold new era in which
countries throughout the
world put aside their
differences and worked
together to ignore the Kyoto Protocol.

It's rare you see that kind of teamwork outside of arms deals.

The Conservatives pulled Canada out of Kyoto this week, and it would be easy to mock them (fun, too), but this is a failure we all share in.

When the Kyoto deal was signed in 1997, we talked about the deal as if something really exceptional had happened that would unite humanity — like the end of nuclear weapons or a Saved by the Bell reunion special.

"Global warming is too slow, too subtle for humans. Us rats, we don't understand risk-reward if the electric shock comes decades later."

We were breathlessly told that we'd be able to breathe again, all thanks to 160 signatories sending the amount of greenhouse gases back to the halcyon days of the 1980s.

The U.S., showing its usual world leadership, got the failure started when George W. Bush said the protocol was "economically irresponsible" — a description that looked a little short-sighted when New Orleans did its

imitation of the SpongeBob SquarePants mise-en-scène. At the time, Canada took its usual official diplomatic position toward the U.S. of being smug. According to WikiLeaks, Paul Martin's official cable to the U.S. was "Tsk, tsk, tsk," Canada's greenhouse-gas record was as bad as America's but we left that part out, as one does.

Some blame goes to the accord's writers, too: We should have known Kyoto was doomed as soon as we heard there were environmental "credits" that could be used to offset actually helping the environment — a sort of frequent-polluter points card. Getting out of pollution standards because you are planting trees, say, seems to me like getting out of a speeding ticket in the morning because you plan to drive under the speed limit in the afternoon.

Finally, of course, there's you. Did you do anything worthy of an environmental award since 1997? Recycling and composting only gets you a Certificate of Attendance.

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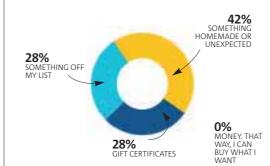
I'm still hopeful. Everyone seems to value the environment, even if they weren't on board for Kyoto. One-hundred-and-sixty countries failed in Japan, but it could be different now. If we really believe, we could get 190, maybe 200 countries on the road to probable failure this time. When it comes to world diplomacy, this is progress. (Deep breaths, everyone. Deep breaths.)

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays



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What type of gift do you prefer to receive?



Local tweets



►@Tony_Curcio: in case anyone is wondering what

that smell is....its me. I dropped a bottle of cologne dead center at the #ymca in #ldnont

- @scorchyy: I'm disappointed in the lack of snow this year! #ldnont
- @TaylorEustis: 11 degrees tomorrow #LdnOnt!! Middle of December! No complaints here!!
- ▶ **@BantingHouse:** A big thank you to one of our volunteers, @sophie_sl today for all your hard work! #MusVolunteer #ldnont

- @portapottytalk: Just saw a bald eagle flying along the Thames at Wonderland road! #ldnont #birdwatchingwhiledriving
- @BantingHouse: Happy International Museum Volunteer Day! A HUGE thank you to all of our *amazing* volunteers! You guys rock! @MusVolunteer #Idnont
- @lanStumpf: I'm on the train; with coffee all over my jacket; bright side? This is the last leg of the trip! Be in #ldnont in a couple hours!
- @dntdreamitsovr: In such denial about my stats exam this afternoon. Cant I just fast-forward and it be 4 o clock?:(Ugh #uwo #exams



U.S. leaving Iraq via Kuwait route

KUWAIT. U.S. army soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division walk to a waiting bus as they leave customs for a ride to the airport to fly back to Fort Hood, Texas. They exited Iraq yesterday at Camp Virginia in Kuwait City. President Obama is meeting Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to ceremonially mark the end of the war.



"On behalf of a grateful nation, I'm proud to finally say these two words — welcome home."

BARACK OBAMA TOLD CHEERING TROOPS AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

150,000 American troops were

present in Iraq when Obama took office. Within 15 days, there will be zero left. Some 4,483 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq since the conflict started, while nearly 30,000 have been injured. The Iraq war cost the U.S. approximately \$1 trillion.

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Flip through the Zine Fair

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Tonight loartists will gather at APK Live for the first annual Zine Fair.

But what is a zine? I wondered myself so I sat down with the event's architect, Sarah Scope.

"They're self-published books," Scope says. "Art books, where you take your work and photocopy it.'

Most pieces are originally completed as sketches in

pen and ink, then are photocopied and bound with jackets colourful and quirky titles. Artists sell the zines as a way for people to be exposed to, and have a piece of their work for a reasonable price. According to Scope, the average zine in London sells for between \$3 and \$7, making art accessible to more peo-

If you've never flipped through a zine, tonight's fair is your chance. Reminiscent of book fairs in elementary school, the Zine Fair is an opportunity for people to browse through the work of more than 20 local artists, each set up at their own table in the ven-

"I've asked a lot of known artists as well as a lot of artists who were just starting out to make a zine and to be involved," Scope says. "I wanted it to be an open event, where anyone has the option to be a part of it and contribute. If you showed up on the day of the event and you wanted to display your work, you could.

Scope's own work will be a part of the fair.

Some of her creations are only illustrations while others feature narratives.

"One is called Read at the Break-Up and it's about all the happy things you can do when you're single

and free," she says.

"When I'm sketching, I really focus on my skills progressing. If there is a narrative it comes second," Scope says.

"I really try to see what I can learn through the medium."

For many artists, zine culture is also about collaboration, and seeing how two perspectives can come together to create something unique.

"Collaborations really help people stick together, and help with the community aspect of the art, as well as the skill and exposure they can provide," Scope says. "One third of everything you see could

be a product of collaboration.'

Tonight's zine fair is an interactive event where people are encouraged to chat with the artists.

As well, silent film will be shown illustrating the making of a zine and audiences can draw on film reels that will be projected in the venue throughout the night.

Following the zine fair local musicians will take to the stage.

Brain Trust, made up of artists James Kirkpatrick and Peter Thompson, and Exit 2012 will be perform-

The zine fair starts at 6 p.m. and costs \$5.

scene



Award Orson Welles won for writing the classic film Citizen Kane will be sold to the highest bidder. Auctioneer Nate D. Sanders plans to sell the Óscar statuette on Dec.

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Saving victims to biting them

Chris Meloni, who ended 12-year run on Law & Order, will join HBO's drama True Blood

HBO savs Law and Order veteran Chris Meloni will be sinking his teeth into a role on vampire drama True Blood.

The network confirmed yesterday that Meloni will be joining the popular series as an ancient, powerful vampire who controls the fate of the show's major characters

The series' fifth season is expected to air next summer. Its stars include Anna Paquin and Stephen

Meloni recently ended a

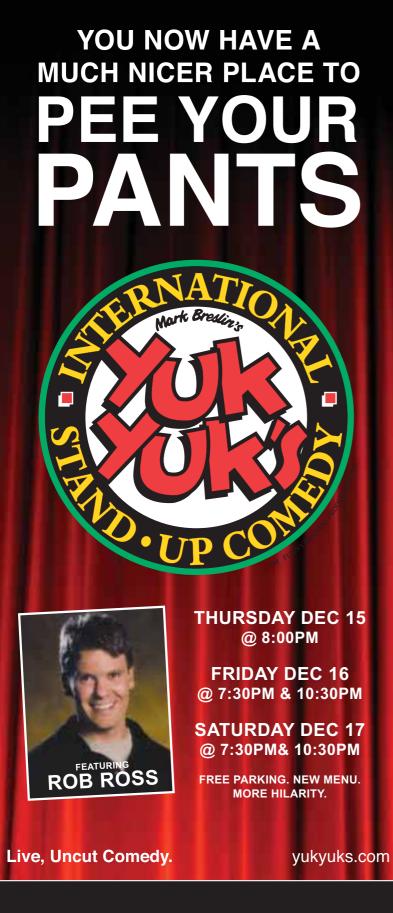
12-vear run on NBC's Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, where he played Detective Elliot Stabler.

Before that, the 50-yearold actor was a regular as a bisexual inmate on HBO's gritty prison drama, Oz.

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Let the road to the Oscars begin

The Help leads Screen Actors honours with 4 noms
 Clooney, Streep among lead-acting nominees

The Deep South drama The Help cleaned up with four nominations yesterday for the Screen Actors Guild Awards, among them honours for Viola Davis, Jessica Chastain and Octavia Spencer.

The adaptation of the bestselling novel also was nominated for best ensemble cast, along with the silent film The Artist, the wedding comedy Bridesmaids, the family drama The Descendants and the romantic fantasy Midnight in Paris.

The nominations are among the first major honours on the long road to the Feb. 26 Academy Awards. The SAG list of contenders and Golden Globe nominees that will be announced today help sort out favourites from alsorans for Oscar voters, whose nominations come out Jan. 24.

Davis is up for best ac-

Davis is up for best actress and Spencer for supporting actress as black maids who agree to share stories of their tough lives with an aspiring white writer at the start of the civil-rights movement in 1960s Mississippi. Chastain also was nominated for sup-

SAG denials

- Overlooked for best actor was Gary Oldman, whose performance in the espionage saga Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy has been billed by critics as one of the best in his career.
- Also snubbed was Michael Fassbender for his daring role in the sex-addict drama Shame and Ryan Gosling for two acclaimed performances in the action tale Drive and the political drama The Ides of March.

porting actress as Spencer's lonely, needy new boss.

The Artist ran second with three nominations, including a best-actor honour for Jean Dujardin as a silent star falling from grace amid the advent of talking pictures and supporting actress for Berenice Bejo, who plays a rising sound-era movie star.

Along with Davis, bestactress contenders are Glenn Close as a woman disguising herself as a male butler in 19th-century Ireland in Albert Nobbs; Meryl Streep as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in The Iron Lady; Tilda Swinton as a grief-stricken woman coping with her son's horrible deeds in We Need to Talk About Kevin; and Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe in My Week With Marilyn.

Joining Dujardin in the best-actor category are Demian Bichir as a hardworking illegal immigrant father in A Better Life; George Clooney as a neglectful dad tending his two daughters in The Descendants; Leonardo DiCaprio as FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover in J. Edgar; and Brad Pitt as Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane in Moneyball.

Albert Nobbs star Close was a double nominee, picking up a best-actress honour for a TV drama series for Damages.

Close's co-star Janet McTeer was nominated for supporting actress as a cross-dressing labourer in Albert Nobbs.

Several Oscar best-picture prospects will sit out the SAG ceremony, including Steven Spielberg's War Horse and Martin Scorsese's Hugo, but those are epic tales whose impact comes more from their scope than their performances.

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LiLo bails on Ellen, 'delayed in Hawaii'

Star cancels spot on talk show Producers score Paris Jackson instead

THE WORD

DOROTHY ROBINSON



Remember that "exclusive" interview Lindsay Lohan was going to do on Ellen — the only media appearance she agreed to do to

promote her new Playboy magazine spread? Well, she missed it. Of course she did!

Her rep says the reason she didn't make the show was because she "was delayed in Hawaii due to a travel-related issue. Lindsay offered to tape Ellen tomorrow, but the show was unable to shift things around, and tomorrow is their last day of taping for the season." The show's producers are less than pleased, according to Gossip Cop. "Not a call or an apology from



Lindsay," a source close to the show says.

However, the producers scored a coup de grace and got Paris Jackson (Michael Jackson's oldest child) to fill in for Lohan in her first solo

appearance, television which will air on Thursday. 13-year-old talked about her new film role in the fantasy film Lundon's Bridge and the Three Keys. She says her decision to act was due to her father. "My dad was in the movie Moonwalker and I knew he could sing really well, but I didn't know he could act. I saw that and I said, 'Wow, I want to be just like him."

Celebrity tweets

ok so i think i'm d efoo going

with the video xmas card.ok family lets get this done in the next week or so, will keep you guys posted!

mv twitter name isn't a top priority right now. sorry it bothers so many of

changing

u. should I not tweet until I do?does it really matter?

Is this for real??? Mν friend has a trained cheetah in his car ... That's nuts!!!!!!!

@Ioan Rivers



Our manger scenes are typically set in a Chinese restaurant.

Sheen's ex heads back to rehab

After more recent run-ins with the law, Charlie Sheen's ex-wife Brooke Mueller has decided to once again check herself into rehab, according to

"Brooke has decided to remove herself from the media spotlight and has entered a long-term in-patient treatment centre where she can focus on her recovery without distraction," her rep says.

"Brooke will retain custody of the children, who will remain in their home and familiar surroundings and be under the care of their longtime nanny. Charlie and Brooke's parents fully support her decision, and everyone recognizes the importance of maintaining the children's normal routine.'

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Angie still loves her some Brad

While six kids may seem like plenty, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt aren't necessarily done building their family. "Nothing planned at the moment, but we just don't know," Jolie tells Marie Clare magazine. "I could end up preg-

In the meantime, she's got plenty of nice things to say about the man in her life. "[Brad] has expanded my life in ways I never imagined. We built a fami-



Kutcher's fling regrets dishing

Despite the \$200,000 she reportedly earned for dishing on her affair with Ashton Kutcher, San Diego resident Sarah Leal is regretting the decision to go

"I got fired from my job. am no longer friends with my best friend

who was my roommate because it caused so many problems and I had to move out," Leal tells Fox411. "I had no idea what I was getting myself into."

But she advises observers to think twice before rushing to judgment on her actions. "I wasn't thinking clearly. He was a good-looking guy and it was stupid," she says of the fling.



life

Gift pick

Lovebullets

Cupid has his arrows; Lovebullets jewelry has a whole host of high explosives. Jokes aside, the label that's championed by singers Lily Allen and Cheryl Cole gives a percentage of its profits to Warchild, who support children in conflict zones like Iraq. Yep, it's statement jewelry and a thoughtful gift for the festival-going sibling.



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Crown's jewel shines

• A daughter of design royalty and goddaughter of true royalty sparkles with many talents



India Hicks hasn't drifted far from the flashbulbs since she was thrust into the global spotlight three decades ago as a teen bridesmaid in Charles and Diana's royal wed-

The goddaughter of the Prince of Wales earned a degree in photography before moving in front of the lens as a sought-after model. featured by the likes of Ralph Lauren, Banana Republic and Bill Blass.

The London-born Hicks



makes her home in the Bahamas with partner David Flint Wood and their four children, but continues to expand her brand.

She has launched

an e-commerce arm of her island lifestyle boutique The Sugar Mill, has teamed with Crabtree and Evelyn on two collections bath and beauty products and penned a book on inspirational interiors and another on fitness and natural beauty.

Her foray into designing fine jewelry seems a



INDIA HICKS ON HER FATHER, RENOWNED DECORATOR AND DESIGNER DAVID HICKS

fitting addition to Hicks' style-centred resumé and reflective of her rich pedigree.

Indeed, family played a figurative role in the decision to put her stamp on a signature jewelry collection— perhaps most notably her father, the late David Hicks.

The renowned interior decorator and designer was known for his strong use of colour and geometric designs in carpets and textiles, and his signature esthetic is where Hicks draws inspiration for her creations.

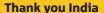
"We may have had a tricky relationship because he was quite a tricky chap, (but) a brilliant designer and a fascinating person," Hicks said in an interview last week in Holt Renfrew's offices.

"As a father, he was a perfectionist and he had a



very strong point of view on how things were going to be done. So there were definitely times as a child where it was intimidating and life could have possibly been a little more relaxed on occasion.

"But nevertheless, I recognize in myself a lot of my strengths have come from him and, indeed, the way I decorate. Whether it's interiors, whether it's a collection of fragrances or



Hicks aces accessories:

- The Hicks on Hicks collection of sterling silver and diamond pieces features her father's famous hexagonal pattern with a modern, architectural influence seen in cuffs, earrings, necklaces and statement rings.
- Her sea-inspired Island Life collection includes starfish wrap cuffs and rings, fishtail earrings and shimmering shell-shaped pendants.



whether it's fine jewelry, there's a lot of influence from my father."

Her mother is Lady Pamela Hicks, daughter to the Earl and Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Hicks took part in an instore meet-and-greet with customers at Holt Renfrew's downtown flagship store last week where her jewelry collection will be carried exclusively in Canada.

The 44-year-old said there's much more she'd like to tackle in the style domain, but she wants to ensure she maintains her responsibilities balancing motherhood with work.

She also seeks to be prudent in lending her name and energy to a project she sees as having longevity.

"You want a collection that, firstly, you know is going to stand the test of time, you know is actually a good product, you know will have an audience that will be willing to buy it and invest in it and follow you," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jeanne Space

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question, or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.



@Jeanne_Beker:

When my kids were small I gave them cozy new flannel pj's every xmas eve so they'd be wearing them xmas morning.

What will YOU be wearing?

- @toniaantonietta: Wow, I gave both my girls the same thing. Now, in their twenties what do I give them?
- ▶ **@Jeanne_Beker:** My girls are in their 20s too. Think I'm going to revive the tradition!!
- ▶ **@patricktustin:** I want to find a flannel one-piece that will fit my 6 foot frame hahaha
- @Jeanne_Beker Oh yeah...with a "trap door" in the back, right? Good luck!!



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No room? There's still a place for that tree

Think outside the decoration box • Karl Lohnes invents new ways to add festive flair to the smallest of spaces

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Question: I live in a really small

space and have no room to add a Christmas tree. How can I add a festive look to my small condo that won't take up the floor space? Andrea Nichols, Vancouver

Answer: I suggest looking at ways to add fresh or artificial greenery to the walls or a door rather than taking up floor space.

First thing to do is inquire with your condo to see if fresh greens and trees are allowed (very often they are not), especially when electrical lights are being added.

Not only are they considered a fire hazard, but the cleaning of dried needles and removal of the

Do up your door Link three wreaths vertically on a door so they can be viewed from a common spot in your condo. Use over-door wreath hangers to hang the wreaths.

Arranging the smallest on top to largest on bottom will give you a traditional tree shape or stacking same-sized tree after the holidays is often a concern.

Artificial greens are a great alternative; they look realistic, are fire-retardant and last from year to year.

Look for outdoor artificial greenery. Largerscaled wreaths and garlands can also help add a bigger impact.

wreaths will add a contemporary flair.

Use battery operated mini lights to illuminate the wreaths to allow the door to swing open and closed.

For real fun, paint the door a shiny bright red colour or cover it in a big-scaled holiday wrapping paper.



Christmas in a corner Choose an artificial half or corner tree.

This will give you the look of a tree but without the bulk of a full one.

I suggest buying a four-six foot tree and standing it on a skirted decorator table to give it height and allow it to look super tall and more

majestic.

With only half or a quarter-sized tree to decorate, fill it with tons of ornaments that are all related by colour. Some great colour combinations that are festive would be: brown and orange, lime green and gold or red and turquoise.

Festive reflections

Frame a large floor standing mirror with garlands, ornaments and lights.

To do this effectively, you have to go big with the gar-

lands. Buy about 50 feet of garland; this will allow you to double it up and give a lush presence around the large mirror (or even a doorway or mantel).



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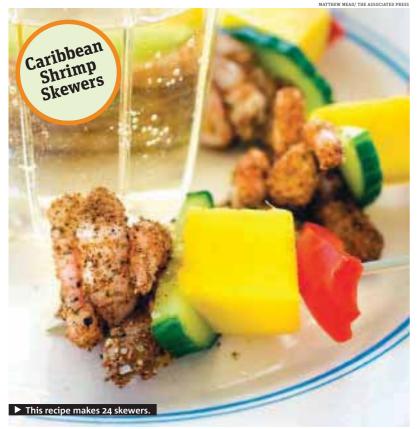
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Have yourself an appy Christmas

Danish dull shrimp cocktail in favour of something zestier: Caribbean Shrimp Skewers



Is shrimp cocktail a mainstay of your holiday party table? And are you a little bored with the same old dish? This year, try something different.

Start with the same easy, pre-cooked shrimp, but this time toss them with a zesty Jamaicanstyle seasoning blend and skewer them with cubes of tangy mango and cool, crunchy cucumber.

Add a touch of zippy pepper and nobody will suffer from yet-anothershrimp-cocktail drome.

Caribbean Shrimp Skewers

Preparation:

In a medium bowl, stir together garlic powder, allspice, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, thyme, cayenne, black pepper and salt. Pat shrimp dry (this will help the spices stick), then toss in spice mixture.

On 10-cm (4-inch) skewers or picks, place a

salt, black pepper,

sauce, vinegar, eggs

inch) balls. Arrange

chipotle pepper, adobo

and breadcrumbs. Form

mixture into 2.5-cm (1-

balls on prepared bak-

ing sheet. Bake in 220 C

Inaredients:

- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground allspice
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cinnamon
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) nutmeg • 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dry ginger
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dried thyme
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cayenne pepper
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 285 g (10 oz) peeled and deveined cooked medium
- 6 Peppadew peppers, quartered
- 2 mangoes, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 English cucumber, cut in 1/2 moon slices

piece of pepper, then a piece of mango, a piece of cucumber and finally 3 spiced shrimp. THE AS-SOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED FOR METRO NEWS BY EMILY RICHARDS, A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST. COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE,

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One of the best parts of the festive season is appetizers to serve along with drinks as friends gather. In that spirit, Toronto food writer Judith Finlayson and chef Jordan Wagman co-authored 750 Best Appetizers: From Dips and Salsas to Spreads and Shooters (Robert Rose, 2011).

The book has 16 chapters built around specific types of dishes, such as dips and spreads, or specific ingredients like fish and seafood or cheese.

Among the starters are: Uptown croque monsieur, tahini dip, shrimp bisque, duck confit quesadilla, beer-battered oysters and many others. WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ It's time to face it — Italian and Swedish meatballs deserve a rest ▶ Try these cranberry-chipotle ones instead

Meatballs are a great holiday entertaining food.

They are homey, wellloved and easy to make ahead of time.

But let's face it they've been done.

They've been done with grape jelly and ketchup.

They've been done with beer and barbecue

And they've been done with creamy gravies.

So how about some-

thing a little different? Something that adds some zing to the appetizer offerings.

Sweet, smoky with a kick of heat is always a great combination for holiday appetizers. This recipe has all that, plus a do-ahead sensibility.

The given directions are for making the meatballs on the stove, but if you prefer you can transfer them to a slow cooker to keep them warm for your party.

You also can keep them warm in a Dutch oven over a stovetop burner set on low.

Use toothpicks or little wooden serving skewers in order to serve the Canberry Chipotle Meatballs at your get-together as an easy - but oh so different hors d'heuvre.

Cranberry Chipotle Meatballs

Preparation:

- Coat a large rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.
- In a skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté for about 5 minutes or until soft and translucent; set aside to cool.
- In a large bowl, mix together cooked onion mixture, beef, pork,

(425 F) for 10 minutes or until cooked through and browned. Sauce: Meanwhile, in a saucepan combine cranberry sauce, chili sauce and adobo sauce and bring to a simmer

When meatballs are done, transfer to a shallow bowl or rimmed platter. Pour sauce over meatballs and toss gently to coat and serve.

over medium heat.

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- · 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 g (1 lb) lean ground
- 500 g (1 lb) lean ground pork
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 chipotle pepper (in adobo sauce), minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) adobo

- sauce (from canned chipotles in adobo)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 2 eggs
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) panko breadcrumbs

Sauce:

- 500 mL (2 cups) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 375 mL (1 1/2 cups) chili sauce
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) adobo sauce (from canned chipotles in adobo)

sports

Sports in brief



The Hornets have agreed in principle to deal Chris Paul to the Los Angeles Clippers for guard Eric Gordon, forward Al-Farouq Aminu, centre Chris Kaman and a first-round draft choice, people familiar with negotiations said.

ESPN, citing anonymous sources, first reported the trade, which also involves New Orleans sending two future secondround draft picks to the Clippers.

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Heavyweight contenders

• Elite defence, multi-tasking forwards named to Canadian junior men's hockey team

The Canadian team charged with reclaiming gold at the world junior hockey championship will be able to count on a big, deep defence, multi-purpose forwards and an experienced goaltender.

"We have real good balance," coach Don Hay said Wednesday of his 22-man squad. "When we tried to put the team together, we really looked at what we'd need if somebody went down with an injury. Could that players move up? Play on the power-play and kill penalties and things like that?

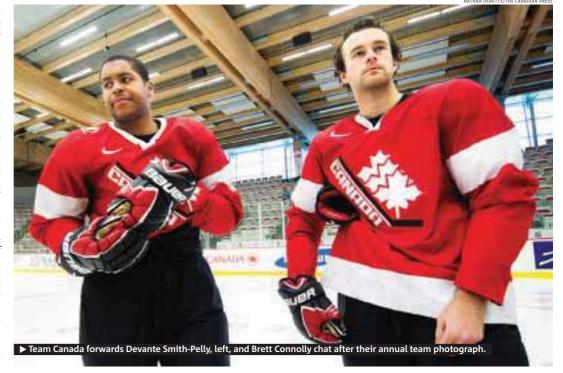
"We have a couple topend lines and a couple of hard-working third and fourth lines and we have players that can fill different roles and move into different positions."

The defence is big and skilled.

Led by Saginaw Spirit's Jamie Oleksiak (almost six foot seven and 244 pounds), the seven defencemen chosen average almost six foot three and 200 pounds. Five of them were taken in the first round of the NHL draft.

Up front, Canada profited when Devante Smith-Pelly of the Anaheim Ducks and Brett Connolly of the Tampa Bay Lightning were made available to the Canadian team.

Smith-Pelly, five foot 11 and 212 pounds, is projected to play the wing on Canada's top line and create space for his linemates.



"I think we'll be physical in a lot of different ways," said Hay, who coaches the WHL Vancouver Giants. "We have a lot of speed that will let us get to pucks quickly and then when we get the pucks we'll be physical on the puck. You have Smith-Pelly who will create a lot of physical play and I think guys will really follow him."

The 2012 world junior hockey championship opens Dec. 26 in Calgary and Edmonton. Canada

"I learned a lot from last year. ... It's something I used to motivate myself in the summer to get better, but right now it's a clean slate"

GOALIE MARK VISENTIN

will play its Pool B games in Edmonton. Pool A and medal-round games are in Calgary.

Mark Visentin, one of four Niagara IceDogs named to the Canadian team, will start in goal.

"Coming in, he's the No. 1 guy," Hay said. "I think you're always proving yourself and he knows that."

Scott Wedgewood of the Plymouth Whalers is the other goalie.

Visentin, Connolly, Quinton Howden of the Moose Jaw Warriors and Jaden Schwartz of Colorado College all played in the 2011 tournament.

Canada had the gold medal in its grasp in Buffalo with a 3-0 lead heading into the third period. Russia scored five unanswered goals on Visentin in the third to take it away from them.

Freddie and Dougie Hamilton will be the first brothers to play for the Canadian team since Randy and Mike Moller 30 years ago. Freddie is 19 and Dougie is 18.

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List of NHLers out with concussions grows

The NHL's concussion list keeps getting longer.

Jeff Skinner and Joni Pitkanen of the Carolina Hurricanes, along with Milan Michalek of the Ottawa Senators are the latest players to go down with the injury.

Skinner leads the Hurricanes in scoring, while Pitkanen is the team's top-scoring defenceman.

The Hurricanes confirmed Wednesday that both players suffered concussions and are out in-

definitely.

Michalek, who leads the league with 19 goals, suffered his concussion in last night's 3-2 overtime win at Buffalo. Michalek collided with teammate Erik Karlsson late in the second period.

Take a whirl around the league — especially among the Eastern Conference contenders — and you'll see key cogs missing time because of concussions. Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby, "The majority of concussion issues that you see are not linked to fighting."

MARK LOVELL, CEO OF IMPACT

Philadelphia's top scorer Claude Giroux and defenceman Chris Pronger, Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller, Los Angeles centre Mike Richards, Boston centre Marc Savard and Rangers defenceman Marc Staal have all missed chunks of time, if not the entire season, as they deal with the lingering effects of brutal blows to the head.

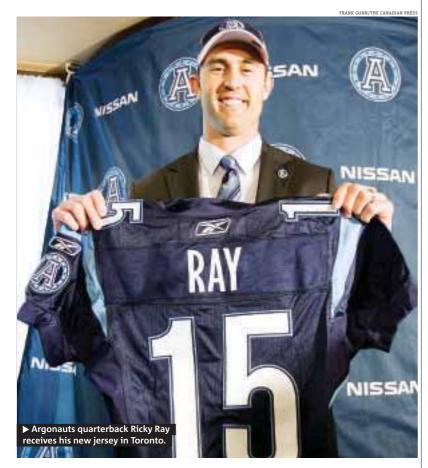
"It seems like someone is going down every single night now," retired NHL standout Jeremy Roenick said. "It's frustrating to watch. You don't like having your top guys out."

Even worse for the league, the injuries come after a devastating summer that saw the deaths

of enforcers Derek Boogaard, Wade Belak and Rick Rypien.

The NHL has acted, taking steps with new policies and harsher punitive enforcement that was aimed at curtailing some of the violent hits that left the fine-tuned player complaining of dizzy spells. Quiet rooms and ImPACT tests have joined hat tricks and power plays among the league's vernacular.

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Argos' answer to Calvillo?

Team looks to new QB Ray to help spark offence

Scott Milanovich isn't going to mess with success.

The Toronto Argonauts rookie head coach plans to go with many of the same offensive schemes used during his four seasons as the Montreal Alouettes' offensive co-ordinator.

In Montreal, Anthony Calvillo pulled the strings. In Toronto, Milanovich will look to newly acquired quarterback Ricky Ray.

"Ricky has a lot of the same talents that Anthony Calvillo has," Milanovich said yesterday as the Argos officially introduced Ray at a news conference atop the CN Tower.

"The possibility of (the Argos offence) looking somewhat similar to what you saw in Montreal I think is high now, but there are things Ricky does differently than Anthony and there are different types of play-

"I just didn't fit into (Edmonton's) plans and it's exciting to come to a place where I fit into the plans they have."

ers here so it's not going to be exactly the same.

"It's never going to be about one player but certainly the quarterback is going to have a lot to say about the success or failure you have in a season and we know we have a good one."

Toronto is counting on Ray to kick-start a league-worst offence. Under Cleo Lemon — who was released at mid-season — and Steven Jyles — dispatched to Edmonton in the Ray trade — Toronto went 6-12 and fin-

ished last in the East Division.

Jyles and Lemon finished a combined 269-of-436 passing (61.7 per cent) for 3,066 yards with 14 touchdowns against 15 interceptions. Ray completed 343-of-526 passes (65.2 per cent) for 4,594 yards and 24 touchdowns against 11 interceptions for the 11-7 Eskimos.

And in an age when quarterbacks continue to flourish as they approach 40 — Calvillo led the CFL in passing at age 39 — the 32-year-old Ray should have plenty of production left.

He just thought it would be in Edmonton.

"I was one of those lucky guys to have been in one spot for so long," Ray said. "But the way things are now, athletes are moving around and you get different opportunities in different places." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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W Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If

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a powerful friend today. Don't try to be modest about your talents. SALLY BROMPTON

Sudoku

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T Aries March 21-April 20 So many things are going right for you now that it's like you have a guardian angel watching over you. **Taurus** April 21-May 21 An investment you made a long time

ago may pay off today.

II **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Make the effort to remind the people who mean the most to you how much you care for them.

Gancer June 22-July 22 Take care with your thoughts today, because what you focus on will very soon become your reality. Think only happy thoughts.

For today's crossword answers

aiming at, you will hit it with ease.

**Body Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You know instinctively that what

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